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Informants utilized in the letterhead memorandum are as follows:

MM T-1

[CIA](u) ~~(S)~~

MM T-2

MM 761-S (134-379 Sub A 99,100)

MM T-3

MM 635-S (134-211 Sub A)

MM T-4

MM 724-S (134-409 Sub A)

MM T-5

JOSE ALEMAN, Scott Bryan Hotel, ~~(S)~~
Miami Beach, Florida, S of I.

MM T-6

MM 492-S (134-44 Sub A)

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MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

revised 2/16/63
Will, through appropriate sources and informants, continue to investigate the activities of PRIO, who has increased in importance during recent months.

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Re: CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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made a trip to see President Juan Bosch in the Dominican Republic about a week previously. MM T-2 said that Prio reportedly has extensive control over the sugar market and is believed to have made millions recently in sugar manipulation. Orlando Puente is one of Prio's secretaries and is influential in the operation of a Dominican airline known as Aerovias Nacionales Quisqueyanos, which is operated inside the Dominican Republic. MM T-2 believed that Prio has an interest in this airline and that one of the reasons for his visit to the Dominican Republic was to discuss the possibility of obtaining permission for this airline to fly from the Dominican Republic to the United States. ~~(u)~~

MM T-2 recalled that Prio in 1955 or 1956, while exiled in the United States after having been overthrown as President of Cuba by Batista, had a series of talks with Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo, at which time Trujillo agreed to help Prio against Batista if Prio would guarantee that no attacks would be made against the Dominican Republic by individuals controlled by Prio. As a result of this agreement, Prio established a training camp in the Dominican Republic; however, the camp eventually closed down and the Cuban exiles there returned to the United States. At that time Juan Bosch was exiled in Costa Rica. ~~(u)~~

On August 14, 1963, MM T-3, a Cuban exile who formerly held a police position during Prio's regime, and who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that Juan Bosch, while exiled in Cuba during Prio's presidency, served as a ghost writer for Prio and performed other confidential services, in return for which he received a "botella" (a paid salary for no official position). For one period of time of three months during Prio's regime, Bosch was a nonpaying guest in the house of prostitution operated by Marina, which was known as ~~(u)~~

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